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1. QATAR BOYCOTT OFFICE HAS REPUTATION IN BOYCOTT CIRCLES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEING EXTREMELY LIBERAL ON GENERAL QUESTIONS WHILE SCRUPULOUSLY ENFORCING SPECIFIC RULINGS AND ESTABLISHED PRACTICES. BOYCOTT OFFICE DIRECTOR, KHALIL SHAMMAS, HAS TOLD US ON OTHER OCCASIONS THAT TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIBERALIZING GENERAL RULES HE MUST MAINTAIN IMAGE OF TOUGH ENFORCEMENT. WE THEREFORE DO NOT BELIEVE HE WOULD BE INCLINED TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS TO DAMASCUS CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE ON BEHALF OF COMPANIES WHETHER OR NOT

EMBASSY APPROACHED GOQ. SHAMMAS WOULD BE THE ONLY CONDUIT THROUGH WHICH EMBASSY COULD APPROACH GOQ AND THROUGH WHICH GOQ COMMUNICATES WITH DAMASCUS CBO.

2. GOQ, OF WHICH BOYCOTT OFFICE IS PART, REGARDS BOYCOTT AS POLITICAL WEAPON SO WE DO NOT FEEL THAT WE NEED FEAR "POLITICIZING" ISSUE BY APPROACHING BOYCOTT OFFICE OR ANY OTHER GOQ AGENCY.
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